

ALLIES SKEPTICAL OF PEACE OFFERS FROM GERMANY

Attempt To Win Free
Hand In East, Is
French View

ASK FRANKNESS

Silence On Alsace Lorraine
In Reported Terms
Brings Protest

LANSING IN DARK

Nothing Heard In Washington
Of Intended Over-
tures By Kaiser

(Reuter's Agency War Service)

London, December 21.—In connection with rumors of a forthcoming German peace offer, the French newspapers suggest that Germany's endeavor, under threat of a great offensive in the West, is to create an atmosphere favorable to the acceptance of terms whereby something like a "status quo ante" will be restored in the West in return for the restoration of the German colonies and a free hand for the Central Powers and Bulgaria in the East.

According to the French view, Germany would keep the question of Turkey in the background, hoping thereby to interest England in this proposal.

German anxiety regarding Germany's economic future is being constantly revealed.

Lecturing at Bremen recently, Dr. Karstadt, one of the best-known speakers of the German Colonial Society, said: "When our millions of soldiers return from the war they must be provided with bread and work, but how if raw-material is lacking for example cotton? The problem is acute owing to the closer economic union of the British Empire."

Wants Colonies Back

Dr. Karstadt declared that Turkey could not satisfy Germany's hunger for raw-material. Germany must have a Central Africa stretching from the Atlantic to the Indian Ocean. Hence Germany must recover her colonies and enlarge them and she must also construct essential naval bases. Dr. Karstadt concluded by picturing German submarines operating from Dar-es-Salam as far as Aden.

Washington, December 21.—Secretary of State Lansing, commenting on the purported German Christmas peace overtures circulated here through neutral channels, said no information concerning them has reached the State Department. The attitude of the United States on the subject is unchanged, being in accord with the terms of the Allies for restoration and reparation by Germany.

Many Hints Of Peace Offer

Paris, December 21.—From Berlin, Amsterdam and Zurich arrive news that Germany will soon inform the world of her conditions of peace. According to a telegram giving that information, Germany is ready to declare her political disinterestedness concerning Belgium. There would be also a project for compensation in exchange for the restitution of German Colonies but nothing is said about Alsace-Lorraine.

Commenting on this news, Le Temps declares that if the German Government has decided to speak there is no need to have ambiguous telegrams sent from Amsterdam and Zurich. Germany has but to explain her terms and until she does the intentions she proclaims will only meet among the Allies with profound scepticism. If Germany explains, she must do so about everything. The problem of Alsace-Lorraine was put by Germany herself in 1871 and when she invaded Lorraine territory in 1914. That problem has poisoned European peace for 43 years.

Le Temps continues that the Allies do not try to elude any question. Yesterday Mr. Balfour expressed himself in plain terms about the left bank of the Rhine. If Germany tried to put aside the question of Alsace-Lorraine she would obtain only one result and would show all nations her bad faith when talking of a General peace, while the rights of France would show up in a more remarkable way.

Monte Asolone Retaken, Rome War Office Asserts But Berlin Denies Claim

Italians Fighting Under Terrible Conditions of Midwinter
But With Undaunted Spirit

(Reuter's Agency War Service)

Rome, December 23.—An official communiqué reports:

There have been local encounters on the whole mountain front. We repulsed with heavy losses strong enemy parties at Posina, southeast of Asiago, in Frenzela Valley and on the southern slopes of Sasso Rosso.

Rome, December 22.—An official communiqué reports:

Despite adverse atmospheric conditions in the region of Mount Asolone we made progress and repulsed a counter-attack.

Yesterday's communiqué had reported:

In the region on the Asolone front, eastward of the Brenta, we recaptured a considerable portion of the ground we lost on Tuesday and dispersed a strong counter-attack at Monte Pertica.

In the Chamber yesterday the Minister of Munitions also had announced that the Italians had reconquered Monte Asolone.

London, December 23.—A German official communiqué says: An Italian thrust against the heights westward of Monte Asolone failed.

London, December 22.—(By wireless). A German official communiqué reports:

Italian attacks yesterday afternoon and evening on Mount Asolone and the heights westward were unsuccessful.

The German official communiqué yesterday had reported:

The Italians seven times attacked the heights we have won westward of Monte Asolone and three times attacked Monte Pertica. They also attacked Monte Solazzo. All their attacks failed.

GERMANS TRY TO RAID ENGLISH COAST AGAIN

One Machine Is Forced To
Descend And Others Are
Turned Back

(Reuter's Agency War Service)

London, December 23.—The Press Bureau announces that the air raid last night caused no casualties and did not damage.

London, December 22.—Official.—An air raid was attempted at six o'clock this evening against the Kentish Coast. One raider was forced to descend near the coast, the crew of three men being captured alive.

A second attack developed at 8.30 p.m. A few bombs were dropped in the Isle of Thanet. There were no casualties and no damage was done.

Six Arrested In U.S. As German Agents

One Charged With Exporting
Food To Enemies By Way
Of Sweden

(Reuter's Agency War Service)

London, December 22.—The Federal Agents at Brooklyn have arrested Gustave Myers, who came to the United States at the outbreak of the war, and who is charged with exporting food stuffs valued at hundreds of thousands of dollars to Germany via Sweden. His most recent export took place last week.

New York, December 22.—Five defendants, including two women, have been convicted of conspiracy at the Detroit Federal Court for conducting military enterprises in the United States against Canada and, specifically, attempting to destroy Windsor Armories and the tunnel at Port Huron.

The five defendants before the Detroit Federal Court received sentences ranging from two to four years imprisonment, in addition to fines ranging from \$10,000 to \$20,000.

An extensive traffic on correspondence to Germany and Austria, smuggled by the crews, mainly of Swedish ships, has been discovered and arrests are imminent.

San Francisco, December 22.—George Rodieck, formerly German Consul at Honolulu, has been fined \$10,000 for fomenting revolution in India.

Reuter's correspondent at French Headquarters in Italy, in a message sent the 20th says:

The situation is still an anxious one but further snowstorms may any day stabilise the front for the winter. The enemy's recent gains were dearly bought by the Jaegers. The capture of Monte Asolone on the 18th may enable the enemy to embarrass our communications in the plain, notably towards Bassano, where two railways meet, and it also threatens Monte Grappa with being turned from the West.

Reuter's correspondent at Italian Headquarters sends a thrilling description of the intense winter conditions the Italians are undergoing in the long drawn-out duel against the ever-rising flood of the enemy.

The Austrians and Germans have accumulated a tremendous number of cannon on the mountains dominating the field of attack surrounding Monte Grappa and the valleys leading to the plain. It is necessary to use dynamite to make trenches for the artillery, in consequence of the hardness of the frozen ground, and the Italian gunners are often obliged to place their cannon in unsheltered positions while the snowy background makes them an easy target.

The field-telegraphists and stretcher-bearers face almost certain death in carrying out their duties and the infantry is obliged to lie down for hours on utterly exposed ground awaiting the moment to attack while the snow, in melted form, penetrates to their bones.

Notwithstanding these hardships the spirit of the Italian troops, notably of the Alpini, is undaunted. The field-telegraphists and stretcher-bearers face almost certain death in carrying out their duties and the infantry is obliged to lie down for hours on utterly exposed ground awaiting the moment to attack while the snow, in melted form, penetrates to their bones.

Today furnishes the last chance for Shanghai Americans to identify themselves in the great move started at home to make the Red Cross a 10,000,000 strong aide to the men in the trenches. Until 3 o'clock this afternoon Miss E. R. Jansen, No. 2 Jessfield Road, will receive applications to add to the list, the total of which will be forwarded to headquarters in the United States. The cable will be sent by Consul-General Sammons at 4 p.m. Subscriptions by compradores order or post-office order will be received by Miss Jansen up to 3 o'clock. Those unable to secure money orders for their subscriptions on account of the holiday may notify Miss Jansen of their intention and thus help to bring the number up in time for the results to be wired to Washington, sending in their payment later.

The outports in this Consular district have responded quickly to the call and subscriptions from those places streamed in yesterday. From Hangchow more than 30 enrolments were recorded during the day and it is known that there are many others on the way.

Applause has been made for the formation of a local Red Cross chapter and it is thought that the organisation will be well established here soon and that it will be one of the strongest foreign branches of the national society.

George Simnecker, the German subject who figured in the test case on enemy registration in the International Settlement, failed to appear on Mixed Court summons yesterday before British Assessor Grant-Jones and Magistrate Kuan to explain why he had failed to register with the Hongkew Police Station in compliance with the conditions of the permit issued to German subjects in Shanghai. The Court decided to adjourn the case for a week for the production of his medical certificate in default of his presence, as the defendant said that he had been too unwell to attend the Court and the registration.

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been killed or injured in the sacking of wine-stores of Petrograd.

Amsterdam, December 23.—The President of the Austrian Food Board states that Austria and Germany are occupied with the question of transporting food-stuffs from Russia but as the Danube is already freezing large supplies cannot be expected by this route before next March.

Bolshevik Regime Shaking

London, December 21.—A telegram from Copenhagen says that private messages from Finland state that the Bolshevik regime is shaking, hence the proclamation of a state of siege in Petrograd and numerous arrests, including the ex-Ministers Savinkoff and Tchernoff.

The Petrograd correspondent of the Daily Chronicle states that wagon-loads of German prisoners, virtually free, are arriving in Petrograd every day and German soldiers in uniform are to be met everywhere in the streets. Undoubtedly German influence is working strongly and it is believed to be concerned in the drink riots, which the Soviet declares to be the work of the Cadets, in order to immobilise the Soviet troops. Many arrests are being made.

Fighting in Ukraine

Reuter's correspondent in Petrograd wires:

The Maximalist newspaper Pravda states that the Ukrainian troops have occupied the Headquarters of all the Staffs on the Rumanian and Southwestern front, seizing the telegraph and wireless plant. The two fronts are now united into a single Ukrainian front of which General Tcherbatoff is commander in chief. All the Cossacks in the Ukraine have been ordered to mobilise. All the Ukrainian Soviets, Peasants Council and deputies are supporting the Ukraine Rada. The Ukraine is now issuing its own paper-money.

The Maximalist Leader Trotsky announces that the landed property of foreigners is subject to confiscation the same as property owned by Russians. The Petrograd correspondent of the Daily News states that the Russian Staff on the Rumanian front has joined the Ukrainians and General Tcherbatoff has been appointed Generalissimo of the Ukraine forces.

The Petrograd correspondent of the Daily Mail states that the German soldiers in Poland have practically not been affected through fraternising with the Russians. Individual soldiers refused to carry out orders but examples were made of them and discipline restored.

The Bolshevik troops sent to Kieff have been held up owing to the railway being broken.

Serious rioting has broken out at Kieff, in Poland.

The Petrograd correspondent of the Times states that Kerensky's Minister of War, General Verkhovsky, has offered his services to the Ukraine Government, whose troops, under the command of General Tcherbatoff, are concentrating between Homel (Gomel) and Bakhach, while the Bolsheviks are concentrating at Minsk.

General Dufot, at the head of a force of Cossacks and Tartars, has arrived at Ufa, where he has suppressed the Bolshevik organisations, and is now advancing on Taratoff and Samara.

Kaledin Resigns

General Kaledin and the Cossack Military Government have resigned in order to allow the formation of a strong popular government. General Kaledin declares that he withdraws owing to his unpopularity with the troops at the front, who refuse to obey him in consequence of the misrepresentations of his enemies, and he sacrifices his interests to those of the country.

Reuter's correspondent at Petrograd, wiring yesterday, states that the results of 377 elections to the Constituent Assembly are known. They include 209 Social Revolutionaries, 107 Maximalists, 23 Ukrainian Social Revolutionaries and 12 Cadets.

The breach between the People's Commissioners and the Executive of the Railway Union is growing. The latter have transferred their headquarters to Moscow, where the Soviet has now proclaimed martial law.

The Times correspondent at Odessa states that the disturbances in that city have subsided and latterly have degenerated into the sacking of wine-stores and other excesses. The trouble began through the shooting of a young Jew who was chief of the Red Guards. During the subsequent fighting eight wine-stores were looted in one day, including 20,000 bottles at one store. The Guards sent to restore order joined the looters. Finally both sides, Soviet and Rada, met and appointed a committee jointly to restore order.

Despite the proclamation of martial law in Petrograd the sacking of wine-stores continues, accompanied by orgies, lootings and much shooting. Armored cars dispersed the people participating in the pogrom in the streets.

The Petrograd correspondent of the Daily Mail states that the Maximalist leader Trotsky has ordered the publication of a newspaper in German for distribution in the German trenches for expounding the views of the Maximalists.

Reuter's correspondent at Petrograd, wiring yesterday, states:

Red Guards at three o'clock this morning surrounded and invaded

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the premises of the Ukraine Revolutionary Staff and arrested the four members present. A search is being instituted for other members of the Staff, which constituted the sole official representatives of the Ukraine Rada in Petrograd.

Fighting at Rostoff

The Petrograd correspondent of the Times states that General Kaledin entered Rostoff on the 15th, after six days fighting, in which the Red Guards lost 800 killed and 1,000 wounded.

The Maximalist leaders took refuge on the warships, which attempted to leave the River Don but the cruiser Kolkhida stranded and was prevented from reaching the sea by the Cossack artillery.

The Petrograd correspondent of the Morning Post states that in a fight between the Bolsheviks and Cossacks at Tashkent the former were victorious, being commanded by Austrians and Germans who were formerly prisoners.

It is believed that a force of ex-prisoners under their own officers and with a strength of two army corps, is within striking distance of Petrograd.

Petrograd, December 21.—Replying to the Maximalist ultimatum cabled yesterday morning, the Ukrainian Republic demands absolute non-intervention in its affairs, the recall of the Ukrainian troops from other fronts to the Ukraine, the non-intervention of the commissioners and their generalissimo in the Ukrainian, Rumanian and southwestern fronts, participation of the Ukrainian Republic in the peace negotiations, and the representation of the Ukraine to the extent of one-third of the future Federal Government.

It refuses supplies from the Ukraine unless cash is paid, of which one-third must be gold.

The Maximalist Commissioners have replied insisting that the Ukraine renounce its support of Kaledin and the Bourgeoisie Reactionaries.

The People's Commissioners have confiscated the property of a mining company which refused to submit to the decree establishing workers' control of production.

The provincial assembly of Shantung at Tsianfu held an extraordinary session Saturday and decided to lodge a protest against the sending of troops to Hunan by Tchun Chang Hui-chi. The chamber of commerce of the provincial capital also telegraphed to the Tchun a similar protest.

The Diplomatic Corps at Peking, in compliance with the request of the Consular body in Tientsin, has lodged a protest against the commanding of cars on the Tientsin-Pukow lines by the military authorities, which has caused the crowding of the Tientsin warehouse and stagnation of business.

NEW MACAO GOVERNOR

Reuter's Pacific Service to The China Press

Macao, December 22.—Vieira de Mattos, the commander of the gunboat Macao, has been appointed acting Governor.

Mail Notices

MAILS CLOSE

For Japan:

Per N.Y.K. s.s. Kumano M. Dec. 26
Per N.Y.K. s.s. Omi Maru Dec. 29
Per N.Y.K. s.s. Y'shio M. Jan. 1
Per N.Y.K. s.s. Yawata M. Jan. 3
Per N.Y.K. s.s. Chikugo M. Jan. 4
For U.S., Canada and Europe:

Per P.M. s.s. Colombia Jan. 3
Per T.K.K. s.s. Siberia M. Jan. 3
Per T.K.K. s.s. Tenyo M. Jan. 14
For Europe:

Per N.Y.K. s.s. Tama Maru Dec. 29

The American mail is due here tomorrow via Vancouver.

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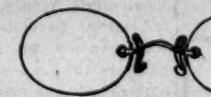
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HUNAN TUCHUN DEMANDS NORTHERN TROOPS LEAVE

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Unless They Withdraw
Voluntarily

Reuter's Pacific Service to The China Press

Peking, December 22.—Tan Haoyin, who has been nominated Military Governor of Hunan by the Southern leaders, demands the withdrawal of the northern troops from Yochow, otherwise he will use force.

Meanwhile Tan Yen-kai, who was appointed Civil Governor and Acting Military Governor by the Government, refuses to proceed to Changsha.

South Districts Feng

Mr. Sung Hung-yl, former Minister of the Interior and Special Commissioner of the Canton Military Government at Shanghai, declared in a circular telegram Sunday that in order to have permanent peace in China and to lay a strong foundation for the Republic, the Southwest should not consent to the half-hearted negotiations for amicable settlement offered by the Peking government.

The message brands the recent acts of the President as intimidating, tricky and treacherous, aiming at the ultimate destruction of the Republican cause and predicts that the military powers of the Southern leaders will be taken away as soon as peace is concluded and China will again be a nation without a legislature and with a despotic President and Premier as the only government.

A Peking report states that Inspector-General Lu Yung-ting has endorsed the proposal of the President and the Premier, to convene a new Parliament in a message by which he also tendered his resignation as Ning Wei Changchun. The message is being utilised by the President to induce the militant Tuchuns to peace terms.

Shanfu, Shensi, is being bombarded by republicans. In a telegram received at Peking from the rebel leader, Kuo Kien, it was stated that the aim of the revolt is to oust the Tuchun, Chen Shu-fang, and not to fight the Central Government.

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'Xmas at the Hotels

Christmas dinner dances at the Carlton Cafe, Hotel Kalee and other hosteries will be features of the Yuletide celebration this evening.

Both Kalee and Carlton have prepared especially appealing menus for the occasion and the foretaste afforded by the special dinners at both last evening in observance of Christmas Eve promise well for tonight's program of good dishes and entertainment. Tables may be reserved by phoning the management.

At Shepherd's Cafe Mr. Shepherd will be "At Home" this morning from 10 o'clock until noon, when the genial proprietor will ask his customers and friends to drink the health of the "Boys at the Front" and join with him in one of his delightful annual Christmas morning observances. Shepherd's has been

but newly redecorated within and the downstairs dining room and tea rooms upstairs have an even cosier and more homelike atmosphere than heretofore. Christmas dinner will be served at Shepherd's from 7 until 10 p.m.

A "real old-fashioned Christmas dinner" is announced by the Savoy Hotel for this evening and during its service there will be special music, with Miss Ivy Aldous at the piano. There is to be dancing after the dinner and some novelty dance numbers by Mr. Fred Keeley. Tables or private dining rooms may be reserved by request.

At the Astor House it is announced that there will be no special dinner today but that preparations are going forward for the dinner and Carnival dance to be held in the new ball room on New Year's eve. Reservations are now being made at the hotel office.

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ALLIES' MONEY POWER FAR EXCEEDS ENEMY'S

Britain, France and America Can Bear Economic Burden Longer Than Germany

(Reuter's Agency War Service)

Paris, December 23.—Dr. Havenstein, the President of the Reichsbank, pretended lately in an interview, which the Government of Berlin has made known abroad, that the financial policy of the Central Powers is much superior to that of the Entente. As a proof he began exaggerating greatly the figures of the war expenses of the Entente. He added that Germany is not running into debt abroad like the Entente and mentioned that Germany had been able to have recourse as often as seven times to national subscription to her loans.

It is easy to answer Dr. Havenstein that the exhaustion of a group of belligerents cannot be valued by the figure of their expenses but by the power of the capital invested. It suffices to remark that the joint resources of the United States, their capital being over one thousand millions of francs and their stock of gold one-third of the stock of the world, and the resources of England and France are combined, to understand that that gigantic financial force can bear for many years without exhaustion the tremendous losses which it is impossible for Germany to bear.

Furthermore, the German financial system is not capable of coping in realistic spirit and in foresight with the British system, which covers a great part of its war expenses by means of taxes and not by loans. The British Budget for the current year, 18,000 million francs, with that of France is almost double the Budget of Germany and her Confederates. Nor can it cope with the proverbial resources of French savings, which have remained the same since the war began and have even increased.

No doubt the war expenses of the Entente are greater than those of the Central Empires, owing to the geographical extent of the Entente and the fact that their armies are more numerous, but their exhaustion is a myth, whereas the exhaustion of the Austrians and Germans is more evident every day.

Nothing can equal the financial power of the Entente since the United States is with them and has added her credit to that of the Allies.

M. CAILLAUX DENIES TREATING WITH ENEMY

Former French Premier Declares in Chamber He Has Served France Only

(Reuter's Agency War Service)

Paris, December 22.—The Chamber of Deputies was crowded when the report of the Committee indicating M. Caillaux and Deputy Louralot was read. Both these deputies were very indignant, ex-Premier Caillaux maintaining that he has always served France and never attempted victories with the enemy.

The Chamber of Deputies voted the withdrawal of their immunity as members of Parliament unanimously in the case of Deputy Louralot and by 417 votes to 2 in the case of ex-Premier Caillaux.

Rome, December 21.—In the Chamber yesterday, during a debate on the case of Signor Cavallini, who is alleged to have been the intermediary between the French ex-Premier, M. Caillaux, and the Germans, Deputy Piroli described M. Caillaux as "the Goletto of France." Uproar ensued. Subsequently Signor Goletto declared that he could not accept Deputy Piroli's comparison because he has never supported and never would support a separate peace or any action not absolutely loyal to the Allies of Italy. He appealed for unity in Parliament when the enemy is in Italy.

News Brevities

Owing to Messrs. Moutrie's being closed on Christmas and Boxing Day the Olympic Theater plan of the War Films Exhibition will be open at the theater on those days.

Gaston, Williams and Wigmore (Far Eastern Division), Inc., are determined that during the year of grace 1918, the busy business man of Shanghai shall be engaged every minute (or 15 minutes of his day). Their altogether admirable calendar (the recipient's name in gold letters at the top) provides space for a complete daily record of appointments on a most liberal scale, and the consensus of opinion is that it is the best thing ever seen East of Verdun.

The meeting of the Commission on Revision of the Chinese Tariff has been postponed to January 5.

In the British Police Court this morning before Mr. G. W. King, Police Magistrate, George Hanniball was charged with embezzling the sums of \$37 and \$200 from the Methodist Publishing House. After taking evidence of arrest the accused was remanded upon his own recognisance in the amount of \$200 to appear on Thursday morning.

War Fund Show at Olympic

The British official war films, showing the King's visit to the grand fleet, stirring scenes of the battle of Arras and the astounding accomplishments and performances of the famous tanks, will be seen at the Olympic Theater tomorrow evening. The performance is in the benefit of war funds and is given under the auspices of Sir Everard Fraser and in addition to the pictures there will be a comprehensive variety entertainment featuring local artists.

There will be songs by Mrs. Godby, Scottish dances by Mrs. S. Gilbert, Irish dancing by Mr. K. Bagdon and numbers by Mr. M. D. Silas. On account of the length of the program the show will start at 9 p.m. sharp.

THREE MILLION ACRES MUST BE CULTIVATED

Lloyd George Urges Intensive Production To Solve Problem Of Tonnage

(Reuter's Agency War Service)

London, December 22.—Mr. Lloyd George yesterday, addressing the Conference of the War Agricultural Committee, said that the struggle has become largely a question of tonnage and therefore home production must be intensified. He wanted three million acres cultivated and they had 100 days to accomplish the task. The Government hoped to release skilled ploughmen from the army and had decided to facilitate the employment of prisoners of war. He appealed for the greater use of women on farms and remarked that there would be 8,000 tractors working in the middle of March. He urged the County Committees to deal ruthlessly with farmers who did not make the best of their land. In order to compensate for the loss of ships many imports must be cut down and the deficiency of food must be made up, otherwise the fibre of the race would deteriorate, as has already happened in Germany.

Germans In West Try Raiding Operations

(Reuter's Agency War Service)

London, Dec. 22, noon.—Field Marshal Sir Douglas Haig reports:

Under cover of a heavy barrage yesterday afternoon the enemy made a local attack near the Ypres-Staden railway and drove in our advanced posts for a short distance on a front of 700 yards. There has been hostile artillery at Sheluvell and Poelcappelle.

A German official communiqué reports:

On enterprise in the vicinity of the Boesinghe-Staden Railway resulted in the capture of thirty English prisoners.

London, December 22.—Field Marshal Sir Douglas Haig reports this evening:

We repulsed raiders during the night in the neighborhood of the Bapaume-Cambrai road, eastward of Monchy-le-Preux and southward of Armentières.

London, December 21.—Field Marshal Sir Douglas Haig reports this evening: We repulsed a raid northward of Messines and took a few prisoners in patrol encounters.

At noon Sir Douglas Haig wired there was nothing to report.

Field Marshal Haig reported last evening:

The enemy raided a post northward of Hargicourt and also, under cover of a fog, captured an advanced post eastward of Messines.

We drove off raiders northward of Armentières and northward of the Menin Road.

We inflicted many casualties in patrol encounters southeastward of Cambrai.

The artillery of both sides was active at Bullecourt and the enemy's guns were increasingly active southeast of Ypres.

Paris, December 21.—The official communiqué issued this evening reports:

Artillery has been active in the vicinity of Caudry.

In Alsace an attempt to rush our trenches west of Cerny was repulsed.

At Hartmannswillerkopf the enemy, after a very big raid, occupied some advanced elements of our front line but were completely ejected after hand-to-hand fighting in which he lost heavily. One hundred and eighteen shells were thrown into Rethim.

The official communiqué issued last evening reported:

There has been moderate reciprocal artillery activity on the whole front.

A strong attack made by the enemy in Lorraine, which was preceded by a violent bombardment of our trenches north of Reillon, completely failed.

The enemy left numerous dead.

Enemy aeroplanes bombed Dunkirk and Calais yesterday. Three persons were killed and ten wounded.

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POLITICAL PARTIES
CHANGE IN BRITAIN

'Ginger Group' Of Unionists Organise For Stronger Conduct Of The War

OTHERS ALSO FORMING
Conservative, Liberal, Labor And Irish Factions Face New Rivalries

London, Oct. 30.—The party system in the British Parliament like practically everything else in Great Britain, is in process of reorganisation. To the time of the election of the present Parliament the needs of the different sections of the community had been met by the work done by the Conservative, Liberal and Labor and the Irish parties.

The Unionist party included the Conservative, Imperialist and tariff reform sections.

The Liberal party worked well with the free trade element and had a tacit arrangement with the Labor party as to fighting certain seats in two member constituencies.

The Irish party consisted of the Nationalists and the Independent Nationalist section.

The demands of the war have proved a weakness to these divisions, and although there has been a tacit understanding that no friction should be allowed to prevent the progress of the campaign for the overthrow of Germany still the sections have failed to work in harmony.

New Party Is Formed.

Both Unionists and Liberals have had sections which have been working apart from the main bodies in support of a stronger war campaign. They had up to a few weeks ago managed to prevent any serious breaking away from the main bodies. But a section mainly composed of the "Ginger Group" of the Unionists has definitely split and formed a new party under the title of the National party, with a program of a strenuous prosecution of the war and reform of the system of political control by the party whips.

Their representation in Parliament is at present few in number, but they have secured a great following outside parliamentary circles.

There are rumors of a coming party that is to be evolved from the Liberal Ginger Group, but up to the present it has not materialised.

The Labor party is now engaged in formulating a scheme of re-organisation of the basis of the party, a committee has been working out the details for some weeks and the results will be brought before the conference that meets in January next.

The party hopes to benefit largely by the working of the Representation of the People's bill. This will relieve them of a considerable financial liability and the enfranchisement of 2,000,000 men and about 6,000,000 women and is expected to provide them with a big accession of parliamentary strength.

The main principle of the suggested reorganisation was put before the miners' organisation at the recent conference. The delegates were altogether favorable to the new development. This, in view of the large voting power of the miners, which usually carried the day in questions that came before the Labor party, looks as if the scheme of reorganisation would go through at the conference.

Big Chance For Labor

So far as details of the scheme have transpired it will be a conversion of the party from a federation of trade unions and socialist societies into a real national party with a political program having a rank and file organisation in every constituency, while the qualification of candidates is to be broadened so as to take in a wider part of the electorate. Up to the present the Labor party has been an interest party representing only trade union interests.

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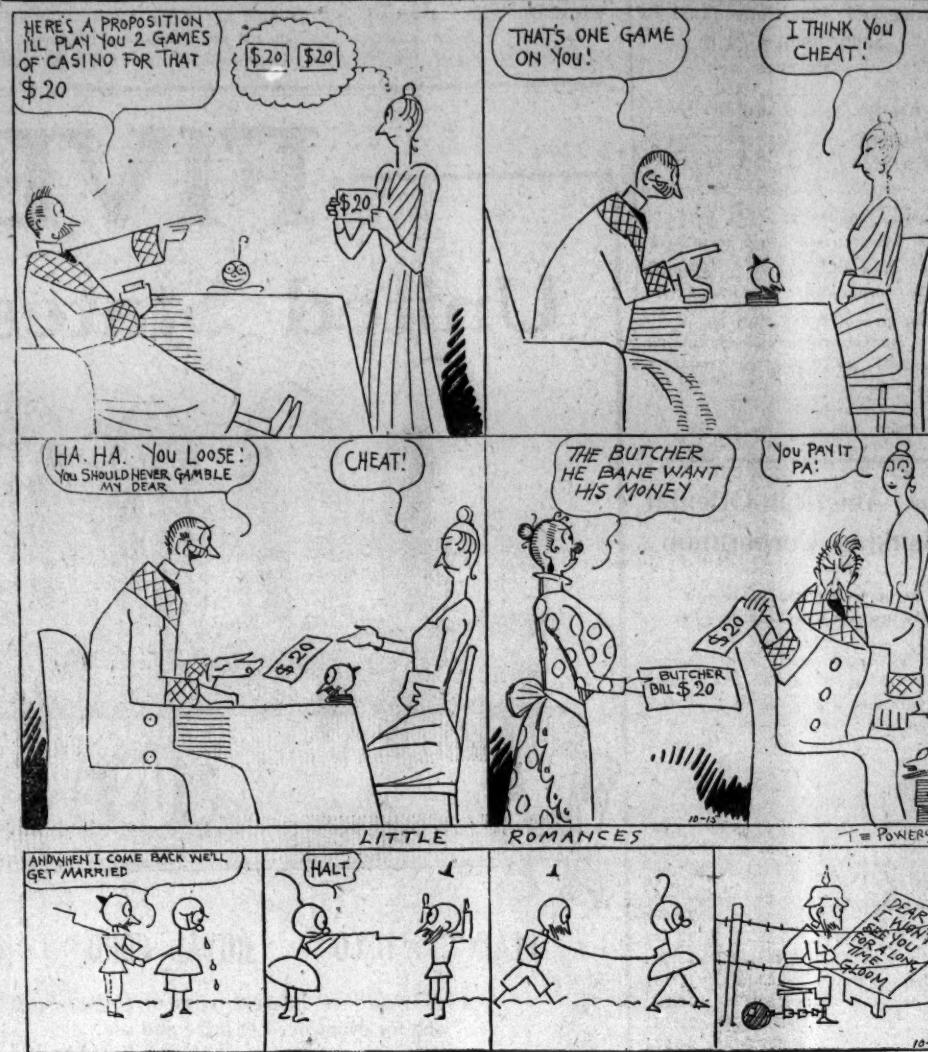
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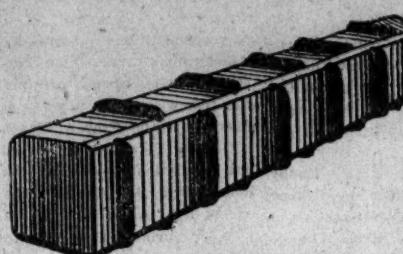
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COMPLICATIONS GROW IN LAWYER'S FEE CASE

Dr. Fischer's Interpreter Says
He Paid Another Attorney To
Prevent Case Against Self

Further complications were encountered in the Mixed Court yesterday in the lawyer's fee case when one of the men involved stated that he had paid a sum over to a lawyer so that he might not be sued himself.

The case was that wherein Dr. J. O. Fischer appeared last Saturday to explain the Tls. 500 fee, alleged to have been given him by two Chinese who are now being sued for securing the money on false pretenses. They were given a certain amount to secure a rehearing for a convicted man.

King Yung-pao, Dr. Fischer's interpreter, stated to the Court—Mr. Byrne and Magistrate Li—that Dr. Fischer's first fee was Tls. 100 but that he was afterward paid Tls. 500 and gave a receipt therefor.

The Assessor asked the witness to explain Dr. Fischer's statement that he knew nothing of the Tls. 100 but that the receipt for that amount bore the office chop.

"There are five different departments for interpreters, touting for business, in Dr. Fischer's office," said King.

"What do you mean by touting for business?" asked the Assessor.

"What I mean to say is that every interpreter has got his own friends and the business got through friends is to be charged for by the interpreters' office," replied King.

"And you do that work?" asked Mr. Byrne. "Any business through me is to be managed by myself," said King.

"Do you know of the existence of a Guild of touts?" asked the assessor.

"No," said the witness.

"It is common knowledge that there is," said the assessor.

"This I don't know," said King. "There is a building named Kung Sze Ah-che at the corner of Kweichow Road. This is a place for friends to attend after finishing work. It is a place for rest."

"But you were a member?" queried Mr. Byrne. "All my friends like to have such a place and we organised it," replied King. "We simply go there to have a rest after our work. After it was not allowed by this court the place was closed up."

"Are you now engaged in touting?"

"No."

In further answer to the Assessor, witness said that, in all, he received Tls. 600 from the accused.

Tls. 100 was paid to Dr. Mei, said King. "I was compelled to pay that by him while I was detained in custody of the police in connection with another case and Dr. Mei sent a letter to me. Of the Tls. 600 Dr. Fischer paid back 40 per cent, but I only received 10 per cent of the 40 per cent."

"You received 10 per cent, Tls. 60, and the 30 per cent?"

"I paid it to the accused."

"You only received Tls. 60, but paid Tls. 100 to Dr. Mei?" asked Mr. Newman, for the police.

"Yes, the reason I paid him Tls. 100 is that while I was under arrest I was afraid there might be another thing happen which might harm me, and as Dr. Mei in his letter said he would sue me or charge me if I did not pay this money I was quite willing to lose my own money."

"Did you explain to Dr. Mei at any time that you had only received Tls. 60?" asked Mr. Newman.

"I told him, but he was the reply. 'He said that unless I paid the money he would ask Mr. Newman to charge me.'"

"Do you really mean to say that Dr. Mei agreed to refrain from giving information to this court, in connection with a criminal charge against you which was pending at the time, provided you settled a civil claim of a client of Dr. Mei?"

"No," said King.

"Did Dr. Mei agree, provided you gave him Tls. 100 back, not to inform me?"

"Yes, that is the real reason," said the witness.

The Assessor commented that the case looked very ugly. The case was adjourned.

Princess Tatiana
Only Mlle. Grave

From Our Own Correspondent

Peking, Dec. 21.—A Manchurian paper recently published a statement that a Russian young lady, calling herself Miss Gray, twenty years of age, accompanied by a count and an ex-Minister of Provisions, and two others, arrived at Mukden by the express from Harbin and after a rest at the Yamato Hotel there, left for Peking. She is said to be the bride of her chum. She is described as having carried a horse like a princess and her companions waited on her, said the paper, with a respect almost bordering on reverence. A guess was hazarded that the young lady was no other than Princess Tatiana, second daughter of the deceased Tsar. The picture was skilfully worked up, but the only truth is that the lady in question was Madame Mlle. Grave, second sister of the First Secretary of the Russian Legation in Peking, who was attained with considerable solicitude by friends traveling with her as she was faring in good health having served for three years as a Red Cross nurse and been in need of a complete rest she has come to Peking to spend some time with her brother.

Czecho-Slovak Army Created In France

(Reuter's Agency War Service)

Paris, December 21.—A decree creates an autonomous Czecho-Slovak army in France, the nucleus being the Czechs and Slovaks serving in the French army.

London, December 22.—Reuter's Agency learns that the Czecho-Slovak army in France will consist of at least 120,000 men, chiefly Czech soldiers who have voluntarily surrendered to the Russians and Servians.

JAPANESE TRADE FIGURES

(Reuter's Pacific Service to The China Press)

Tokio, December 22.—The returns for the foreign trade of Japan during the second ten days of December show total exports of Y.41,256,000 and total imports of Y.47,713,000.

The total since January 1 to December 20 in exports, Y.1,544,036,000; imports, Y.990,541,000.

INTERNATIONAL TRADE AFTER WAR DISCUSSED

Council-General Of Interna- tional Parliamentary Con- ference Meets In Paris

Paris, France.—For the purpose of drawing up the program of the International Parliamentary Conference which is to be held in London on May 7, 1918, the council-general of the conference has just held a meeting in Paris under the direction of M. Marc Reville. It is now definitely known that the deliberations in London in May will cover working class welfare legislation, customs tariffs, the means of dealing efficaciously with German commercial methods which constitute an attack on free competition. The question of "dumping," that of industrial property and of trade registers will be included in the last-named item of the program. Closely connected with, in fact forming an important part of the commercial considerations to be studied by the Allies, is the threat connected with German organisation for the mastery of eastern commercial communications; a delegate from Rumania has therefore proposed that the question of the Danube shall be included in the May program.

To get some idea of the events which have led to the drawing up of this program, it is necessary to recall some of the findings of the Allies' economic conference held in Paris last year. After close deliberations it was declared, in the introduction to the declaration issued, that "the Allies recognise that, after having imposed on them a military struggle, in spite of their efforts to prevent the conflict, the Central European Empires are to-day preparing, in concert with their allies, an economic struggle which will not only continue after the peace settlement, but will at that very moment, develop its full intensity. The Allies therefore cannot hide from themselves the fact that the agreements which are being prepared by their enemies aim at the establishment of their domination over the production and the markets of the entire world and at the imposition on other countries of an unacceptable hegemony. The general council of the International Parliamentary Commercial Conference, while fully endorsing the findings of the conference of 1916, recognises that the action taken on the basis provided by the conference findings has been of a most meager character." In view of this, on the proposal of M. Eugene Balle, the secretary-general of the Permanent Bureau of Brussels, the following resolution was voted on and adopted:

The council-general of the Commercial International Parliamentary Conference, meeting in Paris in extraordinary session, considering the state of uncertainty which has been brought about in the Entente by the too prolonged lack of a firm direction in economic matters, addresses a solemn and most pressing exhortation to the allied governments to induce them to express in deeds the fundamental ideas adopted by the International Conference held in June, 1916.

Furthermore, on the proposal made by Sir John Randles, M. P., chairman of the Commerce Committee of the House of Commons, the council-general adopted this further resolution:

The council-general of the Commercial International Parliamentary Conference meeting in Paris in extraordinary session, regard it as a duty to lay before the commission of the Congress and the Senate of the United States the text of the resolutions adopted by the general council at its meetings of Oct. 8 and 9 in Paris, as well as the records of the business of the meetings held by the Paris conference in 1916, and in Rome in 1917; it expresses the hope that the American legislative assemblies will give their full attention to the problems, the study of which has been the care of the parliamentary conference for the last two years, and that this examination will result in the adoption by these assemblies of the conclusions arrived at by the conference, in order to realise a unity of thought and make unity of action in the economic sphere possible between all the Allies.

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Austrian Recently Acquitted On Murder Charge Is In Trouble Again

H. Kremla, the Austrian recently acquitted on a charge of murder, was given one month in jail yesterday at the Mixed Court before British Assessor Byrne and Magistrate Li on a charge of assaulting a rickshaw coolie and two Chinese constables.

Inspector O'Toole stated that Chinese constable 371 was informed Friday night by Chinese that two foreigners were assaulting rickshaw coolies near Yuhang Road. He found that accused was striking and kicking the complainant. The constable was assaulted when he attempted to arrest the accused. With the assistance of another Chinese constable and a Sikh policeman, accused was taken into custody. On their way, both the Chinese constables were assaulted.

Accused said that he had been drinking vodka on a Russian vessel. He engaged complainant to take him to Broadway and went to sleep in the ricksha. On awakening, he heard a woman calling "Come inside." He then paid the coolie 20 cents to take him away from the place. But complainant was not satisfied and assaulted him with

the assistance of other rickshaw coolies. He simply defended himself, he said. A Bohemian named Hanton Haker, who testified that he was with the accused, corroborated the evidence of the accused.

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FOOD QUEUES DISAPPEAR

(Reuter's Agency War Service)

London, December 23.—By order of the Food Controller, the Food officers of the various borough yesterday made an inventory of the stocks of margarine in the multiple-shops (presumably Lipton's, the Maypole Dairy Co., etc.) and had their surplus stocks distributed to the small shopkeepers. Thus queues, in many instances, have disappeared.

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Special Correspondence to The China Press

Yangchow, December 22.—Today the Shanghai-Nanking Railroad team came to Yangchow to play a team composed of the teachers of the four schools which are members of the Y.I.A. The score was 2 to 0 in favor of the S.N.R. team. Mr. Tang and Mr. Bailey of the S.N.R. team starred for the visitors. Both teams showed lack of practice, the Yangchow forwards missing all of their many chances at goals.

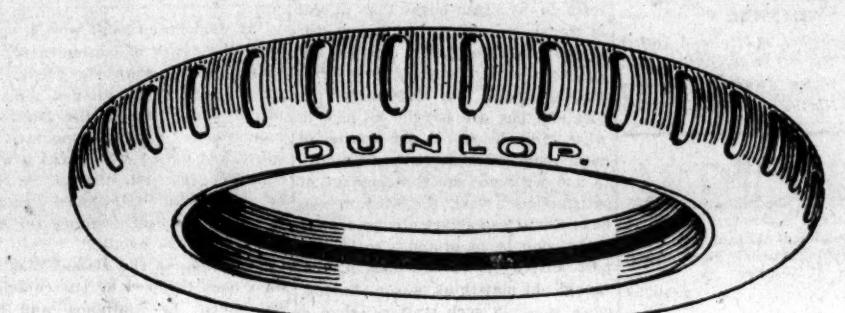
Last week in reporting the game between Mahan School and Commercial School, the score was given as 4 to 1, in favor of Mahan School. The referee had extended time to allow Mahan to make a corner kick from which a goal was scored. Later, the Executive Committee of the Y.I.A. A. changed this decision as the rules adopted by the association do not mention any rule for extending time for a corner kick. So the final score should stand 3 to 1 in favor of Mahan School.

Billiard Championship

In the second game of the Shanghai Amateur Billiard Championship semi-finals Mr. Gordon Morris defeated Mr. C. W. Porter, 600 to 281. The match was played at the Shanghai Club Saturday night and the winner was in great form, scoring breaks of 66, 57 and 50 with an average of 11.8 for the contest. Porter's high break was 37.

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WEATHER

Misty, cloudy, but milder and rather
fine weather. Moderate monsoon
in the region. Southerly breezes
in the North.

DEATH

WALKER: On December 20, 1917,
at St. John's University, Shanghai,
Millidge Penderell Walker, Jr., age 1
year and two months. Son of Mr.
and Mrs. M. P. Walker.

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A Christmas Prayer In
War Time

By E. P. Graham Barrow

"A Sceptre of Righteousness shall
be the sceptre of the kingdom."

A LIGHT shined in the darkness
A and There came
The Son of God, to save and not
to flame.

He came, and Thus his Kingdom
first began.

His Throne of love, set in the heart
of man.

The sceptre of that Kingdom ruled
to bless,

The sceptre formed by Truth and
Righteousness.

He came to earth and thus man-
kind did save;

He conquered sin, His precious life
He gave,

To all that received Him He gave
the grace

To become the Sons of God—a
Godly race.

Oh Jesu, Saviour, at this Christmas-
tide

Look down in pity, with us still
abide.

ND shepherds were abiding in
the field

Watching their flock, their precious
charge to shield.

Today our brothers watch a deadly
foe,

They give their lives as shields
'gainst future woe.

Upon the boundless waters too they
keep

Our freedom safe, a glorious har-
vest reaps.

They fight for freedom, thus they
do God's will,

We ask their safety; Christ guard
them from ill.

Sons of The Father, glad they pay
the price

Of their brothers' safety by self
sacrifice.

Oh Jesu, Saviour, at this Christmas-
tide

Look down in pity—with them still
abide.

LMIGHTY Father, both of
friend and foe,
Call Peace with Honor, shield all
here below;

Let all thy nations cultivate thy
Good,

Sons of one Father, in one Brother-
hood.

Thou who for us didst give thy Son
to die,

Look down in pity, harken to our
cry.

Mend hearts now broken, banish
now the tear,

Heal our brave wounded, cheer
their future drear.

Into thy keeping take our sacred
dead—

In risen glory from an earth blood-
red.

Father almighty, at this Christmas-
tide,

Look down in pity—with us still
abide.

Better Be Right Than Funny

This is the time of year when
jokes about the cigars bought by
women for husbands and other
objects of their affection bring in an

appreciable and appreciated contribu-
tion toward the annual revenue of all
professional humorists. They are a
harmless and even estimable folk,
the humorists, and nobody, unne-
cessarily, would do anything, especially
with the cost of living what it is now,
to increase the difficulty they have in
meeting their bills. Still justice is
justice, and, unless it is a fact that
Christmas-present cigars are of the
quality asserted by the jesters, gains
made out of ridiculing them are the
products of an inaccuracy in itself
unreprehensible, and it is made the
worse by the lack of consideration for
the tender sensibilities of the fair
which it illustrates.

So far as known, there has never
been made of the Christmas cigar
that intensive study which alone
would warrant the light and careless
condemnation bestowed upon it.
That either denunciation or ridicule
is deserved by it, however, can safely
be held more than dubious, and for
several reasons.

First, there is nothing in com-
mercial or industrial records war-
ranting belief in the existence of a
cigar manufactured for the holiday
trade alone, and though there do
seem to be cigar boxes that appear
in the shops at no other season, the
contents of those boxes have an all-
the-year-round appearance. Pre-
sumably, when less elaborately de-
corated, they are bought by men in
what may be called the course of
nature and smoked with equanimity
if not with any notable amount of
satisfaction. Next, the woman who
buys Christmas cigars almost always
takes what is, or pretends to be, ex-
pert advice before she does it, and
though she may think longer—having
more sense in such matters—than a
man about paying for cigars what a
hundred of the better reputed ones
cost, she can heed her instinctive
impulse for reasonable economy by
buying a half or a quarter box. And
that is her customary compromise
with what most women in their
hearts regard as an evil.

Another thing: The Christmas-
cigar joke rests on the assumption
that men have knowledge as well as
opinions as to the intrinsic merits of
tobacco—if it has any—and no
assumption could be more perilous
than that. The truth is that men
judge cigars very largely by exter-
nailities and irrelevances. A prettily-
gilded band adds confidently imagin-
ed flavor to many a cigar that is or
ought to be cheap, and few indeed
are the men who found judgment on
anything that goes deeper than the
"wrapper." If that be pleasing to
the eye, the vast majority of them
say the cigar is good.—New York
Times.

It is the old warfare of soul and
sense. It is the "immortal conflict"
of Plato which is now going on. In
that conflict he who wins becomes a
man, he who falls becomes a slave.
So serious, so critical is the ques-
tion which confronts every Ameri-
can boy. It seems almost a waste
of time to discuss these matters. A
man whose higher nature is blunted
or dulled by love of lower things is
going to sink. Arguments addressed
to him are in vain. The only thing
that can revive him is something
like a thunderclap. This thunder-
clap has come to this land through
war.

"It is almost enough to awake the
dead. It has already awakened
many a boy and man who had been
living in easy, careless indifference.
It is going through our schools and
it is bound to sweep out a lot of
trash that has been allowed in our
schools and a lot of superintendents
who have been playing politician in-
stead of standing straight as educators.
There is no true education of
the highest type unless it is based
on discipline and duty, and unless it
involves thorough training in a few
fundamental studies of most general
value, which when taken in com-
bination form a base for man's
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When men talk of dropping the
classics from secondary schools and
colleges, insists Dean West, they
are talking about dropping the bot-
tom out of a large part of our
education. For example:

"They are dropping the best use
of English, the thing every one
needs for every-day life.

"They are talking of dropping the
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Praise For The French

We went down to this town last
Sunday, had a fine hot bath, a good
dinner in "La Petite Vatel," and in
the afternoon saw the town from
the rear seat of a victoria. Went
through all the wonderful parks,
the "Eastside" and then along the
canals to the older part of the town,
through the fine residential section
and back to the "Gare du Nord" and
home a la first class with a lot of
French officers. My command of
French is slowly improving, and I
can carry on an ordinary conversa-
tion. If Froggie will speak slowly.

The French are fine. We all like
them very much. They are so glad
to see us and to hear what the United
States is doing in regard to the war.

The English are not so friendly, but
we get on beautifully with the Cana-
dians and Australians.

The water all around here has to
be chlorinated to destroy the germs

of disease from dead bodies, refuse
and poisonous matter which the

leaders from among its own people
and give them the finest type of in-
telligent training, we shall have lack
of enlightened leadership for public
opinion. We shall have no sure way
of securing a harmonious common
view of the all important questions
on which the welfare of our land
depends. Without such leadership
our democracy will sink into a state
of provincial dependence and be-
come a servant in many ways, com-
mercially as well as intellectually,
of other powerful lands which are
guided by clear, definite, masterful
opinion.

Germany gets this result from an
autocracy at the sacrifice of
liberty and truth. We can get this
result and maintain with full power
liberty and truth only if we have
such guiding intelligence resting on
the common consent of the best
educated minds, all devoted in-
telligently to the good of our land.
This is our one and only hope for
leadership and success in combating
the unspeakable evils of autocracy.

For to do this, we must be wise as
well as strong. It is the power of
concentrated, definite, and related
knowledge of many minds acting as
one.

"If democracy is to win, it must
have the power of concentrated,
definite, related knowledge controlled
by a common enlightened opinion
of the best minds of the land; demo-
cratic in origin, democratic in
spirit, and united clearly and power-
fully for one end, namely, the use
of the best knowledge gained
through the best training for the
good of all the people."

Opposition to the classics has always
been inspired by the commercial
spirit, he continues, and the
easy-going views of life which have
hitherto been so prevalent:

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German Atrocities Worse
Than Reported, Says Soldier

(By An American Soldier)

(Somewhere in France)

Dear— I am afraid there will
be no Christmas dinner at home for
me this year. However, the Tom-
mies say that they had a fine time
last year, so we may have it better
than we expect. No use trying not
to get lonesome, for it can't be done.
We have been getting letters about
a month or three weeks after they
are written usually but now they are
coming along better. The last ones
came in about two weeks.

I had written a description of the
boches put in it. All the streams
and rivers, canals and springs are not
fit for drinking purposes unless the
water is boiled and chlorinated.

From where I sit now I can see
from the tent door three or four
captive observation balloons and a
fleet of aerostats.

The roar and con-

fusion from the big guns is awful
and at times is continuous for hours
when a drive is on. The heaviest
firing is at night usually. We can
imagine what is going on by the num-
ber of star shells and light bombs
fired. The whole lines are lit up and
the flashes from the guns, bursting
shells, rockets, etc., remind one of

all the worst thunder storms ever ex-
perienced rolled into one grand up-
roar. Every night is much like the
Black Tom explosion.

I have seen quite a few German
prisoners. They will not believe that
we are United States soldiers, but
swear that we are Australians until
they see the United States buttons.

A great many of them speak Eng-
lish quite well, and when they are
convinced that America is really in
the war the usual expression is,

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A Good Page to Read in the Leisure Hour

Little Bobbie's Pa

By William F. Kirk

A little fresh guy was oaver to our house yesterday, his ma fetched him & she didn't keep him there long. His name was Peter Stivesant Sims, he calm of a old family too, I seen.

I calm of a old family too, I seen, my grand father was 98 years old wen he died, I sed, & then he wudden have died only he fell off of a briedge wen he waaz cummin hoome from the Elks meeting, I sed.

My grate grandfather helped Mr. Washington salv the nashan, sed Peter, he used to sweep out the valley at Valley Forge, he sed.

My grate grandfather wudden do no sweeping, I sed, he was a Mint Man, he killed a Injun every minnit, I sed.

I doant care, sed Peter, my father can lick yure father in a stand up fitte.

Ha, Ha, sed Pa, wen I toald him that, Ha Ha, the innocence of childhood, sed Pa, every littel child thinks his father is the best fiter in the wurd. Let the littel fellow think what he pleases, Bobbie, sed Pa, neever mind telling him my record, sed Pa. He is too yung to understand such things.

Littel Stivesant is a very quaint child, sed Missus Sims, he is very old for his yeers, like a old maid, sed she. He often marks me wundert at his dead intelleck, she said. I am afraid he is lerning too fast at skool. The teechers say he is terribul brite, she toald Ma.

I guess beeing brite does seem terribul to sum teechers, sed Ma. One of Bobbie's teechers toald him the other day that Cornwallis felt awful bad wen he sur-rendered to General Lee, sed Ma. I think it is too bad that all teechers are not capabel, sed Ma. Wen I went to skool thay was very careful who they hired for teechers.

Little Peter is a hard child to understand, sed Missus Sims. He is quite a dreemer. I think wen he grows up he will be eether a grate playrite or a poleceman, she said. Look at his dreemy eyes, she sed to Ma.

He is such a plump little rascal, sed Ma, that I can hardly see his eyes.

Indeed, sed Missus Sims, my child has butiful eyes. Thay are a deep blue, she said, almost black.

I can give you a black eye, sed Peter to me.

Yure another, I sed.

What spirited littel men, sed

Missus Sims. We must not let them en-gage in a fit, my littel Stivesant has a feendish temper, she sed. He choked our canary & it was just lerning to sing luvly, she sed.

He cant choke me, I sed, & then I looked hard at his stummich & hit him on the nosa, like Pa toald me to do when I had to dee-fend myself, it worked fine, & he cried, too.

What a brutal littel savage yure child is, sed Missus Sims. He deserves a sound spanking, wich is sumthing I dare say he never gets, she sed. I must be going, she sed, & she went & took Stivesant with her.

Ma was sorry I hit him, but I aint sorry, this is war times & every-body has got to do sumthing to show thare spunk, Pa sed. Bobbie, sed Pa, now that we are in the jam, have a clout for Unkel Sam, sed Pa.

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But the dawn was near, though the night was black.

So I left him there and I started back.

And I laughed as the silly old bullets came.

For the bullet ain't made wot's got me name.

Yet some of 'em buzzed unhealthy near.

And one little blighter just snipped me ear.

But there I got to the trench all right, When sudden I jumped w' a start o' fright.

And a word that doesn't look well in type.

I'd clean forgotten me old clay pipe!

So I had to do it all over again,

Crawling out on that filthy plain.

Through shells and bombs and bullets and all—

Only this time—I do not crawl.

I run like a man wot's missing a train,

Or a tomat caught in a plump of rain.

I hear the spit of a quick fire gun

Tickle my heels; but I run, I run.

Through crash and crackle and flicker and flamer

(Oh, the packet ain't issued wot's got me name).

I run like a man that's no idee

Of hunting around for a souveneer.

I run bang into a German chap,

And he stares like an owl, so I bash his map.

And just to show him that I'm his boss

I gives him a kick on the parados

And I marches him back with me all serene.

With tucked in me gub, me old dudem.

— Robert W. Service.

By George B. Underwood

"You've all read—that poem of the Irish soldier who gave up his beloved pipe to ease the last moments of his dying comrade out there in the hell of No Man's Land, and after the return to the trenches raced madly back in the hail of the rapid fires to recover his old dudem. Well, with my own eyes I saw something of similar incident.

"It was at Fleury and we were just making our way back through the communication trench after a sortie over there—when we left, of us, when suddenly a little poulie gave a startled 'Mon Dieu!' and shouldering us aside started for the front line trenches again shrieking agonizedly, 'Ma petite bouffarde! Ma petite bouffarde!' ('My little pipe! My little pipe!') He would have gone back over the top for his beloved little 'bouffarde' if we had not restrained him.

The speaker was Corporal Albert J. Beraud, the same, but oh, so changed. "Al" Beraud who only two short years ago was boning away at his examinations in St. Peter's College, Jersey City, but now is back "permission" wearing the blue uniform of the famous regiment, the Infanterie Coloniale du Maroc, with both the coveted Croix de Guerre and the Croix de la Legion of Honor pinned on his left breast.

It was of those two bronze crosses, more to be prized, more to be envied, than any jewelled decoration of knighthood, that I was trying to get him to tell. They are awarded only for distinguished gallantry in action, and one of them seldom is given to any one other than a commissioned officer. I wanted to hear from his own lips how they came to him. He talked, talked volubly, in the French manner, for though he is an American it is the blood of La Belle France that flows in his veins, but always of his comrades and never of himself.

"Let me tell you of the little poulie and his pipe," he said, and he told the

away and raking our men off as fast as they showed on the top. I saw that we were going to take that trench the machine gun must be stopped.

Captured The Boche Gun

"So I went over. I did not jump to the top of the parapet as the other poor fellows had done, but side vaulted it, rolling quickly over and dropping squash in the mud of a shell hole on the other side. Ug-h-h, but that shell hole was awful! Blood, water, filth, bodies, parts of arms and legs! Mon Dieu! No wonder the men call some of those shell holes 'The devil's stew pot!'

"But red, green and crawling as that 'devil's stew pot' was, it seemed to the right for it gave me cover and kept me out of the zone of fire. But I only could linger there long enough to get my wind and size up the situation. I stuck my head up between the body of a dead Chasseur and a blackened tree stump and saw that cursed boche quick fire still

mowing down our men.

On and on he ratted. He told

drill stories of trench life till the tears of laughter ran down the cheeks of his hearers. He spoke of France and of the war, of Verdun, the Somme, Douaumont, the Aisne, and of seeing the entry of Pershing's troops into Paris on the Fourth of July, his eyes blazing with fervor and enthusiasm.

He related almost unspeakable acts of the boches with set jaw and clenched hands and those wonderfully expressive eyes glowing and burning with an unpleasant light. With choking voice he spoke of comrades sleeping the sleep eternal 'neath the plain wooden crosses of unmarked and unremembered graves—but nothing of himself and the two bronze crosses pinned over his heart.

The First Cross

"But finally he was backed up against the wall. There was but one way out; strategy could not avail.

The bottle of fine old Chamberlin that Emil—he of the Swiss name but of the French blood and of the French heart—had opened in the soldier's honor loosened his tongue. Under the spell of the wine and the pleas and demands of his friends Corporal Beraud capitulated. And here is the tale the former Jersey City collegian told of himself and the two bronze crosses, related in a calm, matter-of-fact way with earnest stirrings to hide the glory and honor attached on the parapet and flanking or enveloping me.

"Well, to make a long story short, one of our waves finally recaptured me. The corporal—'prettie' and previous in order of the advance my regiment practically had been wiped out—80 per cent of us killed or wounded.

"We had been reorganized and just had come up from a rest camp and been put on reserve as support to one of the front line regiments. The word was sent us that the boys up front were having their troubles holding 'em. We received the order to move up and reinforce them.

"In the advance we were in command of the first squad of the first company. We made our way waist deep through the mud of the communication trench and entered the main trench. The communication trench was bad enough, but the main trench was hades.

"Two big shells had burst and opened up enormous craters. The water had poured in and turned the water into a miniature pond.

"The only way was to swim—but how could we swim, loaded down with our equipment, ammunition and grenades?"

"'Hurry! hurry!' pleaded a wounded man who, groaning and cursing was making his way back to a dressing station. 'Fritz has turned hell loose out there and we can't hold them.'

"There was no way through that ocean of mud and water. The only way around the craters was over the top.

"A man at my left leaped on top of the parapet. He fell back dead. Another clambered up. He too got his death billet. And yet another and another. 'No, thank you,' I said to myself. 'I don't want to die that way.' And so I moved over to the right and looked through a hole in the sand bags.

"As I gazed I saw that the German

front line trench on our immediate salient was empty save for one

minefield which was mounted on the parapet about forty-five yards

away.

"'Oh, say,' laughed the Corporal,

"there surely is something interesting to tell about that, for when they gave me the Croix de Guerre they threw

in a wife for good measure."

"'Wife!'" I exclaimed. "Then you

are married? And you didn't let any of your friends know anything about it. Where is she? She must have our congratulations."

"Well, you see," he smiled. "I'm not exactly married despite the fact that I had a wife thrust on me. You see it was like this:

"'We were out one night on a scout,

a couple of my French friends and a

Senegalese from one of our regiments.

"Three of us got back to the

trenches all right, but the Senegalese was missing. So I went back after him.

"He was wounded, and it was some

job carrying him in through the mud

and the shell holes. For minutes at a time we would hug the cover of a crater waiting for the glare of the sun to set in to die down. It was

splitting head and all around.

"Matters were made worse when a

shrapnel got me in the foot.

"Well, I got him back anyway, and

what do you think that Senegalese

went and did to me? Lying desper-

ately wounded there and wishing to

display his gratitude for my bringing him in he killed me his favorite wife.

"'Yours—e—e—e! That's just what he did.' He was out of 'em and I swore by the beard of the Prophet that this one was the handsomest and most beautiful of the lot. To prove it he told me she weighed 240 pounds.

"You know the Senegalese idea of

beauty, runs to fat! And so this one

was a Venus—of the Senegalese viewpoint.

"'I was wounded, and it was some

job getting her to the hospital.

"'I had lit my grenade and was

waiting for the right moment to

throw it while he was trying to drop me. You know if you throw a

cracker too soon they are likely to

pick it up before it explodes and

throw it back at you. Many

times I lost my gun over one of his

crosses, by badly timing his grenade.

"Mine was timed right and it killed

the boche who had been popping at me and also finished one of the others.

"My grenade left the rest of the gun crew stunned and panic-stricken and I went over the top of their trench after them. I got one through the head and laid another out with a kick in the stomach. I got the other remaining boches stuck their hands up over their heads and yelled 'Kamerad!'

"I made 'Kamerads' out of 'em all right! In fact I temporarily became a boche gun commander. I just stuck my gun in their faces and made them turn their quick fire on their own men, who were coming swarming down the trench to the aid."

"Believe me, that gun just seemed to delight in moving down the boches."

"When he had pointed it straight down the trench and the Fritzes kept walking right into it in their solid Teuton way instead of swinging up

on the parapet and flanking or enveloping me.

"Well, to make a long story short, one of our waves finally recaptured me. Our boys came up to the top and I turned the gun over to one of my officers. Our move enabled us to get at Fritz from the flank and we quickly cleaned the German trenches on that salient.

Decorated By President

"'My going over the top the way I did was a great piece of luck, wasn't it?'" continued the corporal. "And luck was with me in the capturing of the gun," he added, trying hard to hide his display of bravery, "for if my grenade had not stunned that gun crew and left them scared out of their wits, I certainly would have been up against it."

"When were you decorated?" Corporal Beraud was asked. "Right after the battle?" And did you receive both of the crosses at the same time?"

"No," he answered, "I received the Croix de Guerre for a little something that happened during a scouting expedition a few months previous to Douaumont. It was at Sainville two weeks later that President Poincaré, for my capture of the machine gun at Douaumont, made me a chevalier of the Legion of Honor."

"And oh, wasn't I proud when President Poincaré pinned this on my blouse!" exclaimed the corporal, placing his hand reverently on the cross of the Legion of Honor. "Think of it, only three men since Napoleon's time other than officers of high rank have been awarded that."

Emil brighten in the coffee and the cigars, and Corporal Beraud tried

hard to switch the conversation away

from himself and to things about home. There was so much he wanted to know. But we all insisted that he tell us how he came win the other cross that nestled on his breast, the Croix de Guerre.

"'Oh, say,' laughed the Corporal,

"there surely is something interesting to tell about that, for when they gave

me the Croix de Guerre they threw

in a wife for good measure."

"'Wife!'" I exclaimed. "Then you

took part in the Liberty Loan parade, was the first one I ever had seen," said Corporal Beraud. "The French have plenty of their own, and of course I have seen lots of them."

"It is a great sight watching them

ploughing along through the wire

entanglements and chevaux-de-frise,

smashing everything before them.

"But I should not like to be in them.

"Oh, no, no, no! The temperature,

you see, is over 100 degrees.

"But I don't think the boches like

them either. I don't know, however,

you see, when a boche meets a

mine he don't talk about it afterward.

"Squash! Thump! He's dead!"

"Almost every conceivable kind of

death dealing machine has been de-

vised for use over there. Some of

the simplest are the most deadly.

"The Germans are very tricky. We

continually have to keep our eyes

peeled for their subterfuges. Some-

times they bury things we call

"turtles" in front of their trenches.

They are covered with percussion

caps and if one of our men kicks it

when we attack it explodes a mine

JAPANESE HERO AS BRITISH BOAT SINKS

Kobe Boy Keeps Captain From
Drowning In Rough
Sea

SILVER MEDAL AWARDED

J. Yagi Refuses Monetary
Award For Gallantry On
Saint Ronald

Tokio, December 12.—The Mitsui
Bussan Kaisha, Kobe, has received
the following letter from the Liver-
pool firm of Rankin, Gilmour and
Co., Limited:

"You will be sorry to hear that our
steamer Saint Ronald was sunk by
enemy action on September 19, when
we regret to say there was a loss of
life, only 14 members of a crew of
38 being saved. On board at the
time was a Japanese sailor named J.
Yagi of Kurushima, Kobe.

"The enclosed copy of letter from
the Commander of H.M.S. Marne will
give you the circumstances under
which this man undoubtedly saved
the life of the Master, Captain
Hobbs. We had previously had
similar testimony from the Master
himself and thinking the matter
deserving of some notice we recom-
mended the case to the Liverpool
Shipwreck and Humane Society who
have presented him with a Silver
Medal and a framed Certificate of
Thanks.

"We also offered him a monetary
award, which he declined to accept,
stating that he had simply 'carried
out an obligation.' Thinking that
the incident deserved some recogni-
tion from us we have presented him
with a gold watch and chain, the
former suitably inscribed detailing
the incident.

"We now feel that this meritorious
action is one that should be known
in his own Country, and from what
we have seen of him we do not think
that he is the man to publish the
thing himself. Therefore, we shall
be glad that you let it be known in
the proper quarter, how the matter
has been appreciated on this side, not
only by Captain Hobbs and ourselves,
but by our Naval Authorities. We
think it good for both our coun-
try and yours that this feeling of
close fellowship should be well
known and thus help to cement the
friendship between Japan and Brit-
ain."

Marine Commander's Letter

The letter written by Commander
G. B. Hartford of H.M.S. Marne on
September 25 is as follows:

"The following is an accurate ac-
count of a case of most gallant life-
saving carried out by Yagi, a Japa-
nese subject serving in S.S. St.
Ronald when she was torpedoed, in
Lat 56° 23' N. Long. 10° 10' W. at
2.15 p.m. G. M. T. on September 19,
1917. At 2.15 p.m. H. M. S. Marne
under my command was in the
vicinity of S.S. St. Ronald when she
was seen to be struck forward by a
torpedo and to settle down rapidly
by the bow.

"There was a heavy sea running
at the time, and it was not possible
to lower a boat. On arriving at the
spot several batches of survivors
were seen to be holding on to wreck-
age, etc. The ship was maneuvered
as quickly as possible to rescue these
men, but owing to strength of wind
this maneuver was rendered slow.

"Having picked up these survivors,
two more were observed about 50
yards away and the ship was man-
euvered to pick them up.

"It was then observed that one of
these men was holding the other's
head out of the water, notwithstanding
that he himself was with difficulty
keeping himself above water
and was constantly being knocked
about by the seas.

"The man being held above water
was seen to be exhausted, and it
was obvious to all observers that he
would drown immediately if the
other one let him go.

"It was quite ten minutes before
the ship could be brought in position
to get these men on board and by
this time the rescued man
(Captain J. Hobbs, Master of S.S.
St. Ronald) was in a very exhausted
condition.

"Undoubtedly by his gallant self-
sacrifice Yagi saved the life of
Captain Hobbs under trying and dif-
ficult circumstances when himself
was in a very exhausted state and I
cannot speak too highly of this
man's brave and unselfish conduct."

Provision Prices in Local Markets

Prices quoted are in Mexican
dollars cents at Hongkew Market
as compiled on December 18, 1917.

Butcher's Meat

Beef per lb. 14-20
Mutton " 16-20
Pork " 25-30
Veal " 25-30

	Fish	per lb.	14-16
Bream	"	16-18	
Cod	"	20-30	
Mackerel	"	25-30	
Pomfret	"	25-30	
Salmon	"	16-18	
Samli	"	none	
Soles	"	16-18	
Whitebait	"	16-20	

	Game, Poultry and Eggs	per pic.	\$2.50-3.00
Deer	each 1.50-2.00		
Duck	" 40-70		
Eggs	per doz. 16-20		
Fowl	per lb. 16-18		
Geese	each 70-100		
Hare	" 20-35		
Partridge	" 40-50		
Pheasant	" 50-60		
Quail	" 14-16		
Snipe	" 12-14		
Turkey	per lb. 35-40		
Teal	each 12-14		
Wild Duck	" 30-40		
Wild Pigeons	" 10-12		
Woodcock	" 50-60		
Wild Geese	" 30-40		

Potatoes per bunch 3-4
Parsnips per bunch 1-2
Radishes per bunch 2-3
Spinach per lb. 2-3
Tomatoes " 6-8
Turnips per bunch 2-3
Grain and Flour

Flour American per 50 lb. \$6.00
Flour Australian per 50 lb. \$4.40
Flour Shanghai per 50 lb. \$2.40

Rice per 200 lb. \$7.00

Milk

Foreign dairies per bottle 20
Chinese dairies " 17

Fuel

House Coal per ton Tls. 19.50
Stove Coal per ton Tls. 21.75

Firewood per 50 bundles \$1.00

Fodder

Barley per 114 lbs. \$2.60

Bran " \$1.85

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Chief Inspector.

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themselves. That is why so many
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tract it. Those whose blood is weak
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power are most liable to infection.

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TUESDAY, DECEMBER 25, 1917

Date and Destination	Per	Chi.	Br.	USA	Rus.	Jap.	Reg.
Today							
Weihaiwei, Chefoo & Tientsin (via Chinkwangtso)							
W. H. N., Chefoo via Chink'ao							
Hongkong and Canton							
Hongkong and Canton							
River Ports							
Train & Str.							
Hongkong							
Hongkong							
Hongkong and beyond							
Peking and Tientsin (Every Day)							
Tientsin (Daily except Sunday)							
Hankow							
Bingpo							
Tomorrow							
Europe via Siberia							
Europe via Siberia							
Europe via Siberia (P. Train)							
Amoy and Hongkong							
Hongkong and Canton							
Ningpo and Wenchow							
Poochow							
Amoy, Hongkong and Canton							
Hongkong and Canton							
Japan and U.S.A. via Moji							
Thursday, Dec. 27.							
River Ports							
Hongkong and Canton							
Straita, C'lon, India & E'p'e							
H'kong, S'pore, India, C'mbo, and U. Kingdom via Suez							
Saturday, Dec. 29.							
Swatow and Hongkong							
Swatow, Hongkong & Canton							
Japan Ports							
Monday Dec. 31.							
Europe via Siberia (Express)							
Europe via Siberia							
Via Pukow							
Via Pukow							

Letters forwarded by this route only when specially marked.

A Letters and boxes with declared value 7.30 p.m. Parcel post 4 p.m. and money orders 3 p.m. C Parcel post 1 p.m.

B Letters and boxes with declared

Until further notice, mails for Europe, via Pukow and Siberia, will be closed at the Chinese Post Office as follows: Monday and Wednesday at 9 p.m. Registered mails are closed half an hour earlier.

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FINANCIAL AND COMMERCIAL NEWS

Exchange and Bullion

Shanghai, December 24, 1917.

Money and Bullion

Gold Dollars Bank's buying rate

@ 106*1/2* = Tls. 94.12

@ 72.5 = Mex. \$129.82

Mex. Dollars Market rate ... 72.225

Dragon Dollars: native bank rate

Tls. 11

Thai Gold Bars: 978 touch Tls. 2.80

Bar Silver Tls. 270

Copper Cash per tael 177.8

Sovereigns:

Buying rate @ 4*1/2*d. = Tls. 4.57

exch. @ 72.5 = Mex. \$6.30

Peking Bar Tls. 1

Native Interest 0.07

Latest London Quotations

Bar Silver 43*1/2*d.

Bank Rate of Discount 5%

Market rate of discount:— 72.4

3 m.s. %

4 m.s. %

6 m.s. %

Exchange on Shanghai, 60 d.-

Ex. Paris on London ... Fr. 27.52

Ex. N. Y. on London ... T.T. \$4768

Consols £ —

Exchange Opening Quotations

London T.T. 4*1/2*London Demand 4*1/2*London 4 m.s. 4*1/2*India T.T. 30*1/2* nom.

France T.T. 5973

America T.T. 1042

Hongkong T.T. 682

Japan T.T. 493

Batavia T.T. 2382

Straits T.T. 531

Banks Buying Rates

London 4 m.s. Cds. 4*1/2*d.London 4 m.s. Docr. 4*1/2*d.London 6 m.s. Cds. 4*1/2*d.London 6 m.s. Docr. 4*1/2*d.

Paris 4 m.s. 626

New York 4 m.s. 1082

Stock Exchange Transactions

Shanghai, December 24, 1917.

TODAY'S QUOTATIONS

Official

Langkats Tls. 14.25

Kungyik Cotton Tls. 16.25

Shanghai Cotton Tls. 16.75

Yangtszepoo Cotton (ord.)

London Rubber Market

Reuter's Service

London, Dec. 22.—Today's rubber prices were:—

Plantation First Latex Crepe.

Spot, April to June, Tendency of Market:—No market, closed until Thursday.

Previous Quotation, London, December 21:—

Spot: 2s. 5*1/2*d. paid.

April to June: 2s. 7d. paid.

Tendency of Market: Quiet.

Plantation First Latex Crepe:

Spot: 2s. 5*1/2*d. paid.

April to June: 2s. 7d. paid.

Tendency of Market: Quiet.

London, December 20:—

Spot: 2s. 5*1/2*d. paid.April to June: 2s. 7*1/2*d. paid.

Tendency of Market: Firm.

U. K. METAL MARKET

Reuter's Service

London, Dec. 21.—Today's metal prices were:—

Standard Copper G. M. B. f. o. b. (Nominal) 110 5*1/2*

American Electrolytic 99 90%

Copper f. o. b. 125 0 0

Lead L. B. c. i. f. per ton ... Nominal

Quicksilver, Second hand Ex. Warehouse f. o. b. (Is. extra in flask) ... (Nom.) 20 10 0

Muntz Metal f. o. b. London or Liverpool 3*1/2*%. Nominal

Standard Tin (Cach) 308 0 0

Galvanized Sheets 24 Gauge

f. o. b. 26 5 0

Plantation Rubber January to March ... (Buyers) 2s. 6*1/2*d.Hornsby's 3*1/2* lbs. Shirtings 26*1/2*Calvert's 10 lbs. Shirtings 29*1/2*

Taylor's 40s. Yarn 40d.

Price of Common to Low Medium

Tea fixed 11 pence to shilling.

COMMERCIAL CABLES

Reuter's Service

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BAR SILVER

Reuter's Service

London, Dec. 20.—Today's silver prices were:—

Bar Silver Spot: 43*1/2*d. Small offerings, steady.

Previous Quotation, London, December 19:—

Bar Silver Spot: 43d. Quiet.

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Capo Oct. 13

Chinese Prince Oct. 13

Matoppo Dec. 13

For San Francisco

China Nov. 19

Shimyo Maru Nov. 24

For Tacoma

Manila Maru Nov. 21

Mexico Maru Dec. 21

For Seattle

Grayson Nov. 19

Inaba Maru Oct. 13

The C.M. s.s. Kianghsin left Hankow for Shanghai on Saturday.

The N.K.K. s.s. Yohyang Maru left Hankow for Shanghai on Saturday.

The I.C. s.s. Kutwo left Hankow for Shanghai on Sunday.

The H.O. s.s. Changon left Hankow for Shanghai yesterday.

The C.N. s.s. Tatung left Hankow for Shanghai yesterday.

The N.K.K. s.s. Siangyang Maru left Hankow for Shanghai yesterday.

The C.M. s.s. Kiangfou will leave Hankow for Shanghai today.

The C.N. s.s. Wuchang will leave Hankow for Shanghai today.

The N.K.K. s.s. Tachang Maru will leave Hankow for Shanghai today.

The C.M. s.s. Kiangwah will leave Hankow for Shanghai tomorrow.

The C.N. s.s. Tungting will leave Hankow for Shanghai tomorrow.

The N.K.K. s.s. Tafoo Maru will leave Hankow for Shanghai tomorrow.

The C.M. s.s. Kiangwah will leave Hankow for Shanghai tomorrow.

The C.N. s.s. Tungting will leave Hankow for Shanghai tomorrow.

The N.K.K. s.s. Tafoo Maru will leave Hankow for Shanghai tomorrow.

Departures

Date	To	Ship's Name	Tons	Flag	Agent
Dec 23	Hongkong & Canton	Yinchow	1992	Br.	B. & S.
23	Hongkong	Canada maru	964	Jap.	O. S. K.
23	San Francisco	Korea maru	1800	Jap.	ALEXANDER
24	Hankow	Tales maru	1126	Jap.	N.K.K.
24	do	Kiangyin	1490	Chi.	C.M.S.N. Co.
24	do	Luensho	1520	Br.	J. M. & Co.
24	Hongkong	Inaba maru	6159	Jap.	N. Y. K.
24	Hongkong & Canton	Hothow	806	Br.	B. & S.
24	Japan	Tokel maru	1412	Jap.	M. S. K.
24	Ningpo	Hain Peking	2888	Br.	B. & S.
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Bombay Harbin Peking

Changchun Hongkong Shanghai

Chefoo Newchwang

GENERAL SHIPPING NEWS

Future Sailings

FOR AMERICA AND CANADA

Date	Time	Destination	Ship's Name	Flag	Agent
Dec 25	8.00	Nagasaki, Moji and Kobe	Hakusui maru	Jap. O. S. K.	
27	9.30	Moji, Kobe & Osaka	Kumanou maru	Jap. N. Y. K.	Am. P. M. S. S. Co.
29	1.30	Nagasaki, Moji & Kobe	Omi maru	Jap. N. Y. K.	
Jan 1	1.00	Nagasaki, Moji & Kobe	Yamato maru	Jap. N. Y. K.	
3	Moji, Kobe & Osaka	Pensu	Jap. R. V. F.		
4	8.00	Nagasaki	Chikuzo maru	Jap. N. Y. K.	
5	8.00	Nagasaki, Moji & Kobe	Kasuga maru	Jap. N. Y. K.	
8	8.00	Nagasaki, Moji and Kobe			

FOR JAPAN PORTS

Date	Time	Destination	Ship's Name	Flag	Agent
Dec 25	8.00	Nagasaki, Moji and Kobe	Hakusui maru	Jap. N. Y. K.	
27	9.30	Moji, Kobe & Osaka	Kumanou maru	Jap. N. Y. K.	Am. P. M. S. S. Co.
29	1.30	Nagasaki, Moji & Kobe	Omi maru	Jap. N. Y. K.	
Jan 1	1.00	Nagasaki, Moji & Kobe	Yamato maru	Jap. N. Y. K.	
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8	8.00	Nagasaki, Moji and Kobe			

FOR EUROPE, INDIA, STRAITS, ETC.

Date	Time	Destination	Ship's Name	Flag	Agent
Dec 26	9.00	Gibraltar	Australien	Fr. E. A. Co.	
29	9.00	Liverpool etc.	Tambo maru	Jap. N. Y. K.	

FOR SOUTHERN PORTS

Date	Time	Destination	Ship's Name	Flag	Agent
Dec 25	4.00	Ningpo	Kiangtze	Chi. C. M. S. N. Co.	
26	8.00	Hongkong & Canton	Suyang	Br. B. & S.	
26	10.00	Hongkong & Canton	Shantung	Br. B. & S.	
26	1.30	Ningpo	Hsin Pekins	Br. B. & S.	
26	4.30	Ningpo	Hsin Ninghsao	Chi. C. M. S. N. Co.	
26	8.00	Ningpo via Ningpo	Kwangchi	Chi. C. M. S. N. Co.	
27	2.00	Wenchow via Ningpo	Hsinfung	Chi. C. M. S. N. Co.	
27	4.00	Hongkong	Kwanglee	Br. B. & S.	
27	6.00	Hongkong, Hongkong & Canton	Shinkang	Br. B. & S.	
27	10.00	Hongkong & Canton	Fusien	Br. B. & S.	
28	1.00	Hongkong & Canton	Sunning	Br. B. & S.	
Jan 1	1.00	Hongkong & Canton	Sunkiang	Br. B. & S.	
12	..	Hongkong & Manila	Venezuela	Am. P. M. S. S. Co.	
17	..	Hongkong	China	Am. C. M. S. S. Co.	

FOR NORTHERN PORTS

Date	Time	Destination	Ship's Name	Flag	Agent
Dec 25	8.00	Dalny	Sakhalin	Jap. S. M. B.	
25	10.00	Wenzhou, Chefoo & Tsins	Tsins	Br. B. & S.	
25	10.00	Wenzhou, Chefoo & Tsins	Kingsing	Br. J. M. & Co.	
25	10.00	Wenzhou, Chefoo & Tsins	Lesin maru	Jap. N. M. R.	
27	..	Dalny & Tsingtao	Kohoku maru	Jap. O. S. K.	
27	..	Dalny	Shinkang maru	Jap. N. M. R.	
28	10.00	Wenzhou & Dalny	Kobe maru	Jap. S. M. B.	
Jan 4	8.00	Vladivostock	Penza	Rus. R. V. F.	

*A.M. M.N.—Midnight D.L.—Daylight

ARRIVALS

Date	From	Ship's Name	Tons	Flag	Agent	Berth
Dec 23	Ningpo	Hsin Pekins	3868 Br.	B. & S.	CNCW	
23	Ningpo	Hsin Ninghsao	2121 Chi	N. S. N. Co.	KLFW	
24	Wenzhou	Kwangchi	214 Chi	O. M. S. N. Co.	KLFW	
24	Dalny	Sakhalin	1346 Jap.	S. M. B.	SMRW	
24	Tsingtao	Lesin maru	841 Jap.	S. M. R.	SMRW	
24	Hongkong	Sunkiang	1616 Br.	B. & S.	UNW	
24	Japan	Kumano	3147 Br.	N. Y. K.	WSW	
24	Hankow	Kiangyung	145 Chi	C. M. S. N. Co.	LPDW	
24	Hankow	Ngankin	1715 Br.	B. & S.	CNW	
24	Hankow	Tachimaru	1828 Jap.	N. K. K.	LPDW	
24	Hankow	Melior	406 Am.	S. O. I. C. O.	C. I. W.	
24	Hankow	Tenshing	937 Br.	Geddes & Co. NEW		
24	Chesoo	Hsinfung	1290 Chi	C. M. S. N. Co.	KLYW	

Men-of-War in Port

Date	From	Name	Flag and Rating	Tons	Guns	Man	Commands
MMB	Apr. 20	De Lagre	Fr. g.b.	86	..	..
CNWP	Oct. 26	Curise	Nightingale	Br. g.b.	..	..
MME	Dec. 17	do	Quiros	Am. g.b.	..	..
7 p	Dec. 17	Cruise	Suimda	Jap. g.b.	..	..
PEOB	Apr. 14	do	Samar	Am. g.b.	248	4	58
P&OB	Nov. 16	Curise	Vilalobos	Am. g.b.	..	..	Brown Clarke

Vessels Loading

For River Ports

HANKOW & PORTS.—The Indo-China Steam Navigation Co.'s Str. Suwei, tons 2,671 Capt. Sellar, will leave on Tuesday, December 25, at about 12 o'clock midnight. For Freight or Passage, apply to Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., General Managers Tel. No. 240.						
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CHIKUGO MARU ... 5,500 Capt. Y. Yui, Jan. 5

KASUGA MARU ... 7,000 Capt. K. Yagiu, Jan. 9

HAKU MARU ... 5,000 Capt. K. Takano, Jan. 12

SHANGHAI, KOBE AND OSAKA LINE (Via Moji.)

KUMANO MARU ... 9,500 Capt. S. Saito, Dec. 27

YAWATA MARU ... 7,000 Capt. K. Yasuhara, Jan. 3

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FOR JAPAN

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IMPORTANT TO TRAVELLERS AND TOURISTS.—The S. M. R. Co. have established, under its direct management, a series of Yamato Hotels at Dairen (the finest hotel in the Far East), Hoshigaura, Port Arthur, Mukden, and Changchun, all on European lines. Cook's coupons accepted. Tel. add.: "Yamato."

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OF INTEREST TO SHIPPERS.—In addition to its Dairen-Tsingtao-Shanghai Mail Liners, the S. M. R. Co. runs a fleet of Cargo Steamers between Dairen and Hongkong, calling at ports en route. Other Steamship Services have regular services to and from Dairen. Particulars may be obtained from the S. M. R. Wharf Office, Dairen, and Branch Wharf Office, Shanghai; or direct from the

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Business and Official Notices

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MUNICIPAL NOTIFICATION

No. 2487.

ELECTRICITY.

Owing to the increased cost of oil it has been found necessary to raise the price of electricity for light, heat and power. The revised scale of charges, except for Bulk Supply, is published in the Municipal Gazette of December 20.

The revised prices will come into force for the quarter ending March 31, 1918, and will continue until further notice.

By order,
N. O. LIDDELL,
Acting Secretary.

Council Room,
Shanghai, December 20, 1917.

16265

Shanghai Electric Construction Company, Limited

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Share Certificates Numbers 1047/9, 1077/82 and 1090, in the name of G. D. MUSSO for 145 shares in the above Company, have been stolen and the public is warned against negotiating same.

D. McCOLL,
General Manager.

Shanghai, 21st December, 1917.

16276

Shanghai Foreign Exchange Bankers Association

The Exchange Banks which are members of the above Association will be closed for the transaction of Public Business on Tuesday and Wednesday, the 25th and 26th December, on account of the Christmas Holidays.

16259

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WEEKLY SILVER REPORT

(Reuter's Agency War Service)

London, December 20.—Samuel Montague's weekly silver report states: As is usual at this season, the trade demand for silver is inactive, so that pending fresh development regarding the important purchases projected by the British and American Governments, the market remains quiet.

Shanghai exchange has strengthened further and the latest official quotation was 45.40 for the tael.

The silver holding of the Indian Government continues to shrink.

JAPAN'S BUDGET FOR 1918

(Reuter's Pacific Service to The China Press)

Tokio, December 22.—The Premier today invited the leading members of both Houses and informally showed them the Budget for the financial year 1918-19. The total expenditure is Y. 722,542,000 and the total receipts Y. 678,157,000. The deficit will be met by special receipts of Y. 154,000 and the surplus of the current financial year, Y. 29,984,000.

Special receipts mean an increase in the taxes on incomes, sake, sugar and other goods.

BRITISH SHIP SUNK

(Reuter's Agency War Service)

London, December 22.—The Admiralty reports that the British armed boarding-steamer Stephen Furness, (1,712 tons) has been torpedoed and sunk in the Irish Channel. Six officers and 95 men were lost.

69 SHIPS BUILT IN JAPAN

(Reuter's Pacific Service to The China Press)

Tokio, December 24.—The number of ships over 1,000 tons built under the Shipbuilding Encouragement Law from January to December was 69 with a total tonnage of 299,684.

N.Y.K. CHARTERS ASIA MARU

(Reuter's Pacific Service to The China Press)

Tokio, December 22.—The Nippon Yulen Kaisha have chartered the Asia Maru, which will be employed on a tri-weekly service from Port Said to Marseilles from March.

FRENCH SINK 2 U-BOATS

(Reuter's Agency War Service)

Athens, December 20.—French destroyers have accounted for two enemy submarines between Otranto and Itea. One was sunk with all hands. The crew abandoned the other and the captain, two officers and 18 men were taken prisoners.

SHANGHAI-NANKING RAILWAY

ABRIDGED TIME TABLE, IN FORCE FROM SEPTEMBER 1st, 1917

Up—Shanghai North To Nanking

(Main Line)

Nanking To Shanghai North—Down

STATIONS.	Local	Express	Fast	3rd	Fast	Local	Fast	Local	Express
	R.	R.	R.	4th	R.	R.	R.	R.	R.
SHANGHAI									
TIENTIN									
TIENSHAN									
CHANGCHOW									
TANYANG									
CHUNGKING									
NANKING									
PUKOW									
TSINANFU									

Business and Official Notices

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MUNICIPAL NOTIFICATION No. 2486

SMALLPOX

IN view of the prevalence of Smallpox immediate vaccination is advised.

Medical practitioners will be supplied free of charge with the necessary vaccine up to January 15 on application to the Health Office Laboratory.

Free vaccination for Foreigners will be carried out at the following Branch Health Offices:

42 Woosung Road at 4 p.m. on Tuesdays.

23 Hankow Road (near the Bell Tower) at 3:15 p.m. on Thursdays.
J.1581 East Seward Road at 3:30 p.m. on Mondays.

Free vaccination for Chinese is available at all the Branch Health Offices: particulars as to times and places are posted on electric light poles.

By order,

N. O. LIDDELL,
Acting Secretary.

Council Room.
Shanghai, December 20, 1917.

16290

SHANGHAI RACE CLUB

Members are reminded that entries for the New Year Cups will close at the Grand Stand at noon on Boxing Day, 26th instant.

By Order of the Stewards,

A. W. OLSEN,

Secretary, Shanghai Race Club.
16296

Declaration of Loss

The following five drafts, posted by Messrs. Chen Ching Tai (仁成泰), Yingkow to Shanghai on the 24th day of last moon, have been lost or burned during transmitting in the train, owing to accident of fire at Kaopangtz.

(1) For Taels 1,000, immediately due, in name of Sze Chen Kee (書順記) payable at Chu Woo Ziang (致祥).

(2) For Taels 1,000, immediately due, in name of Hou Kee (厚記) payable at Chu Woo Ziang.

(3) For Taels 1,088, immediately due, in name of Woo Zee Tsien, Ching Kee, Chinkiang (和聚順記) payable at Woo Zee Zai (和聚機).

(4) For Taels 1,000, immediately due, in name of Heng Shen Zai Chin Chwang Chen Kee, Chefoo (恒昇順昌順記), payable at Dong Woo Zai, Shanghai (同和機).

(5) For Taels 1,000, immediately due, in name of Hou Kee, payable at Dong Woo Zai, Shanghai.

The public are hereby warned against accepting the aforesaid drafts whenever forthcoming, as same have been declared null and void.

YUEN KONG FIRM, Shanghai.
元康號

Shanghai, December 25, 1917.

LOST

A certificate (Lin Kee 鈐狀) for 3.201 mow of land situated at Sin Ma Road, south of Shih Lo Pu bridge, (十六鋪南新馬路) crossing the Chinese Bund, mortgaged to Messrs. Wah Ching & Co. (華成公司) by the Chinese Public Works Department, Shanghai, has been lost.

The public are hereby warned against negotiating the aforesaid certificate, as a new one has been applied for from the Chinese Local Tax Department, Shanghai, on the 30th day of 9th moon.

Moo Sze Tsai.

穆竹齋

Shanghai, December 25, 1917.

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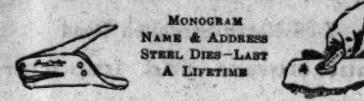
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